COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In recognition of the increasing importance of international academic relations for Canadian universities today, Concordia University has recently established a Council for International Cooperation.

The Council is expected to monitor, facilitate and coordinate Concordia's international academic relations and to advise on their further development. Based on the work of the Council during the 1987-88 year, the University will take a decision as to the long-term organization of international academic activities no later than Spring 1988, taking effect no later than July 1, 1988.

In addition to its major role in providing a cross-faculty forum for the exchange of information and opinions on the University's international relations, and developing appropriate policy alternatives, the Council will also deal with a heavy load of day-to-day activities generated by the growing level of international activity at Concordia. To this end, the Council is supported by an Office of International Cooperation which acts as the secretariat and administrative arm of the Council.

THE COUNCIL

The Council itself is composed of ten members as follows:

Vice-Rector Academic, Chair
Director of the Council, Secretary
Associate Vice-Rector Academic (Research)
Director of Continuing Education
5 Academic Deans
Executive Assistant to the Rector

In addition the Council may call upon the expertise of other members of the University community who may be asked to serve on the Council for a limited period.

The Council will also set up a small number of regional advisory groups. Membership in these groups will be open to all interested faculty members. They will provide a place for the exchange of information, the evaluation of regional opportunities and the evolution of geographic priorities

appropriate to the interests and expertise of Concordia faculty. In some cases, where the degree of international activity is exceptionally high, the Council may set up a country advisory group.

THE DIRECTOR

TThe Director of the Council is a full-time appointment for 1987-88 and is responsible to the Vice-Rector, Academic. The responsibilities of the Director include the following particular points:

1. starting-up and administering the Council, including the Office of International Cooperation and appropriate advisory groups;

2. advising the Vice-Rector Academic on Concordia's international academic relations and preparing recommendations on their long-term organization;

3. supporting the international initiatives which Concordia has already undertaken;

4. maintaining close liaison with the Academic Deans with regard to international academic activities;

5. promoting the image of Concordia as an international institution.

THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Under the supervision of the Director of the Council, the Office of International Cooperation provides administrative support for the Council. Its activities will include the following:

1. to undertake a survey of international academic relations at Concordia;

2. to prepare a database of Concordia faculty with international academic experience;

3. to publish a directory of Concordia faculty with international academic experience for internal and external distribution;

4. to organize faculty-based regional advisory groups on Concordia's relations with institutions in other countries;

5. to work to obtain external funding for Concordia's international activities, and in particular to obtain funding for the linkage with the Nanjing Institute of Technology;

6. to serve as a resource to advise Concordia faculty on participation in international academic activities;

7. to prepare a survey of how international academic relations are handled at other Canadian universities;

8. to facilitate the reception of international academic delegations at Concordia;

9. to begin a newsletter on international academic activities at Concordia, probably as a monthly page in The Thursday Report;

10. to serve as a clearinghouse for Concordia's international correspondence;

11. to enumerate Concordia's existing international commitments.

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